

Appl. No. 10/789,697

Amdt. Dated 8/8/2005

Response to Office action dated 07/25/2005

Amendments to the Abstract:

Please replace the ABSTRACT with the following amended ABSTRACT:

There is disclosed an independent deskew lane. An independent deskew lane may be implemented in a testing system to test whether a device under test conforms to a physical layer communications standard. The testing system may ~~comprise~~ have lane cards to transmit data on data lanes to the device under test and receive data from the device under test. A deskew card is also included in the testing system. The deskew card may prepare deskew information independent of the lane cards. ~~cards according~~. The deskew card may have a transmitter circuit and a receiver circuit included therein which implements the independent deskew lane. A computer ~~is~~ may be coupled to the testing system. Test patterns may be provided to the lane cards and the deskew card from the computer.